

Expedited Bill No. 16-05  
Concerning: Electricity – Licenses -  
Exceptions  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Councilmember Praisner

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**AN EXPEDITED ACT** to:

- (1) clarify a certain exception to the licensing requirement for electrical work; and
- (2) generally amend the law governing licenses and permits for electrical work.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 17, Electricity  
Section 17-18

<b>Boldface</b>	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

**Sec. 1. Section 17-18 is amended as follows:**

**17-18. Applicability of article; exceptions.**

(a) The licensing [provisions contained herein shall] requirements of this Article apply only to electrical work [within the purview of the electrical code of the county, and shall not apply to a ] covered by this Chapter, as specified in Section 17-1. Each licensee must perform all electrical work as required by this Chapter and the code and regulations adopted under it.

(b) Any person who installs, repairs, or maintains electrical equipment, in [his own] a detached single-family residence which that person or a member of the person's immediate family owns, [electrical equipment owned by him and] for [his own] the person's or immediate family's use, need not obtain a license under this Article. [provided that, before performing] Before any [such] electrical work is performed under this subsection, [he shall] the owner of the residence must apply to the Director for a permit [where] if a permit is otherwise required by this Chapter.

(c) [The] Before issuing a permit under this subsection, the Director [shall] must require the [applicant] person who will perform the work to show that [the applicant] he or she is qualified to perform [such] the proposed electrical work in a capable manner so as not to endanger the life and property of [himself, persons in the neighborhood] occupants or neighbors, or property belonging to any public utility [suppliers]. If the Director finds that [applicant] the designated person is qualified to perform [such] the proposed electrical work, the Director must issue a permit for that work, [will be issued] subject to compliance with all otherwise applicable requirements of this Chapter.

(d) [No] A permit [shall be] is not required for any minor [repairs] repair, as defined in this Chapter.

[(b) Nothing in the licensing provisions contained herein shall be construed to exempt any electrical work in the County from complying with the requirements of the County electrical code.]

**Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.

*Approved:*

/s/

7/19/05

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Thomas E. Perez, President, County Council

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Date

*Approved:*

/s/

7/29/05

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Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

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Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

/s/

8/1/05

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

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Date